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Field Crops

Small grain plantings remained active in the State, behind last year and the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on roughly half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good but a substantial amount is in very poor to poor condition, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | - Percent - | | | | |
| Alfalfa | 1 | 13 | 39 | 35 | 12 |
| Range and Pasture | 8 | 21 | 39 | 26 | 6 |

Crop Progress

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | - Percent - | | | |
| Durum Wheat | | | | |
| • Planted | 85 | 80 | 99 | 100 |
| • Emerged | 35 | 30 | 61 | 83 |
| Barely | | | | |
| • Planted | 95 | 90 | 100 | 100 |
| • Emerged | 45 | 40 | 67 | 83 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending February 17. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Paloma to 6 degrees above normal at Payson. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Yuma, and

the lowest reading of 13 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 22 stations. Tucson received the most at 1.04 inches of precipitation and Prescott received the least with 0.02 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
February 11 - February 17, 2008**

| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 52 | -1 | 75 | 32 | 0.00 | 1.56 | -0.51 | 75 |
| Buckeye | 54 | -1 | 76 | 36 | 0.09 | 2.23 | 1.21 | 219 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 37 | 0 | 55 | 20 | 0.12 | 1.79 | 0.73 | 169 |
| Coolidge | 53 | -3 | 74 | 34 | 0.35 | 1.49 | 0.13 | 110 |
| Douglas | 52 | 5 | 77 | 28 | 0.16 | 0.31 | -0.76 | 29 |
| Flagstaff | 32 | 1 | 55 | 14 | 0.50 | 4.99 | 1.74 | 154 |
| Grand Canyon | 31 | 4 | 53 | 13 | 0.17 | 3.15 | -0.60 | 84 |
| Kingman | 47 | 1 | 69 | 29 | 0.00 | 2.20 | 0.77 | 154 |
| Marana | 55 | 0 | 78 | 38 | 0.65 | 1.67 | -0.21 | 89 |
| Maricopa | 54 | -2 | 75 | 35 | 0.24 | 1.49 | 0.28 | 123 |
| Paloma | 53 | -4 | 77 | 33 | 0.00 | 1.06 | -0.10 | 91 |
| Parker | 57 | 0 | 80 | 34 | 0.00 | 1.04 | -0.22 | 83 |
| Payson | 47 | 6 | 66 | 33 | 0.36 | 4.66 | 1.54 | 149 |
| Phoenix | 59 | 2 | 77 | 44 | 0.07 | 1.86 | 0.84 | 182 |
| Prescott | 44 | 5 | 67 | 25 | 0.02 | 3.28 | 0.87 | 136 |
| Roll | 55 | 0 | 82 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.65 | 0.13 | 125 |
| Safford | 52 | 5 | 75 | 29 | 0.24 | 1.42 | 0.34 | 131 |
| St. Johns | 43 | 5 | 66 | 23 | 0.09 | 1.01 | 0.00 | 100 |
| Tucson | 56 | 2 | 79 | 38 | 1.04 | 1.39 | 0.15 | 112 |
| Willcox | 50 | 4 | 78 | 28 | 0.18 | 1.00 | -0.44 | 69 |
| Winslow | 40 | 2 | 68 | 23 | 0.52 | 1.46 | 0.71 | 195 |
| Yuma | 65 | 5 | 85 | 47 | 0.00 | 0.35 | -0.17 | 67 |

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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